



Ministry of Defence Police

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Date: 30th January 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: FOI
ACCEPTANCE/REFUSAL RATES.**

We refer to your email dated 5th January 2023 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 5th January 2023.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email you requested the following information:

I'm writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to ask that you please disclose to me the statistics on FOI refusal / acceptance rates from your force for the last three years (2020, 2021, and 2022) as percentages, and the reasons for the exemptions given (law enforcement, cost limit, national security etc).

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

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The refused figure for each year includes Freedom of Information(FOI) requests that are overcost and exempted under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2020 – Accepted 77%
Refused 23%

2021 - Accepted – 80%
Refused – 20%

2022 – Accepted – 77%
Refused – 23 %

Exemptions used by the Ministry of Defence Police when refusing in 2020, 2021 and 2022:

Section 21 – Accessible by other means
Section 23 – Security Bodies
Section 24 – National Security
Section 26 – Defence
Section 30 – Investigations and Proceedings
Section 31 – Law Enforcement
Section 40 – Personal Information
Section 43 – Commercial Interests

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk).

Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office